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1. SUMMARY: SPEAKERS AT JULY 18 PLENARY MEETING WRE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND INDIA. CZECHOSLOVAKIA OUTLINED FAMILIAR VIEWS ON SEVERAL DIARMAMENT TOPICS, DWELLING IN PARTICULAR ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. INDIAN INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT IT HAD DEPOSITED ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER VEJVODA (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) NOTED FAVOURABLE TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SINGLED OUT AGREEMENTS REACHED AT MOSCOW SUMMIT IN ARMS CONTROL FIELD. THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY WAS NOT A TOTAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR TESTING, BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT STEP CONTRIBUTING TO CURBING OF NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. VEJVODA DREW ATTENTION TO TREATY PROVISION WHEREBY PARTIES WOULD LIMIT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING TO MINIMUM. CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT, HE SAID, DEMONSTRATED THAT PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT DEPENDED ON POLITICAL WILL AND NOT ON SOLUTION OF SO-CALLED TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AS SOME HAVE SUGGESTED. ONCE STATES AGREE TO FIND SOLUTION, TECHNICAL PROBLEMS CAN QUICKLY BE ELIMINATED.

3. VEJVODA STATED THAT PROGRESS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS DEPENDED ON WILLINGNESS OF CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES TO TAKE INITIATIVE. HE WAS ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY US-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE, WHICH INDICATED TWO COUNTRIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD AGREED TO CONSIDER JOINT CW INITIATIVE IN CCD. HE HOPED INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS WOULD PREPARE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT REEATY. ALTHOUGH CZECHOSLOVAKIA FAVORED COMPREHESIVE PROHIBITION OF CW, IT WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED IF MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WISHED TO ACHIEVE COMPREHENSIVE GOAL STEP BY STEP, AS PROPOSED IN JAPANESE DRAFT TREATY. SCOPE OF INITIAL PROHIBITION SHOULD BE AS BROAD AS POSSIBLE.

INTERNATIONAL CONTROL MEASURES WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO VERIFICATION OF RESTRAINTS ON DUAL-PURPOSE AGENTS. SUCH MEASURES WOULD LEAD TO DISCLOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL SECRETS.

4. VEJVODA SAID THAT WITH SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE COMING UP, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION OF SEABED. HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO SEE AN UPSWING IN WORK OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AD HOC COMMITTEE. IN THIS REGARD, HE HOPED PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE OF UK AND FRANCE WOULD SET EXAMPLE FOR TWO OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS. HE ALSO CALLED FOR INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF NPT AND HOPED 1975 REVIEW CONFERENCE WOULD STRENGTHEN TREATY. FINALLY, HE SUPPORTED REQUEST BY TWO GERMAN STATES TO BECOME CCD MEMBERS.

5. AMB MISHRA (INDIA) NOTIFIED COMMITTEE THAT ON JULY 15 INDIA HAD DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF BW CONVENTION IN CAPITALS OF THREE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS. INDIAN SUPPORT OF BWC BASED ON FIRM BELIEF THAT ALL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WERE EVIL AND SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM ARSENALS OF STATES. ALSO, BWC WAS FIRST REAL MEASURE OF DISARMAMENT AND IT CALLED ON ALL PARTIES TO ASSUME EQUAL OBLIGATIONS WITHOUT ANY DISTINCTION OF STATUS. DALE

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